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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

Subj: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE UPDATE OF DON POLICY ON
DIGITAL LOGISTICS TECHNICAL DATA

Ref: (a) DoD 5000.2-R, dtd Jun 01
(b) ASN (RD&A) memo, DON Policy on Digital Logistics
Technical Data, dtd 2 Nov 99, with Enclosure (1),
Guidance on Acquisition and Conversion of Logistics
Technical Data to Digital Form
(c) Message OPNAV 032300Z Apr 01


Reference (a) mandates maximum use of digital operations throughout the acquisition and life cycle of defense weapon systems. This policy was implemented in the Navy/Marine Corps through reference (b). Reference (c) established Task Force Web (TFW) to implement the vision and strategy exploiting web technology fully across the Navy, which further necessitates the need for digital data and applications. To effectively meet the intent of references (a), (b), and (c) of providing cost effective, timely, and quality technical data to our sailors and their supporting infrastructure, the DON policy and guidance for digital logistics technical data must be updated to reflect current digital standards and conventions.

Technical Data such as engineering drawings, technical publications, and training manuals are an integral part of every weapon system. Rapid access to accurate technical data for maintenance, testing, and training is critical to satisfying Fleet readiness objectives. Providing accurate technical data in a web-enabled digital format has become a key enabler to optimal support of the operating forces, while concurrently reducing operations and support costs.

We are working with OPNAV N40 to generate proposed revisions to reference (b) and to provide the revisions via electronic means to addressees for review and comment. Please review the proposed policy guidance and provide comments within 30 days. OPNAV N40 POC is Mr Quent Hays, 703-604-9986 or hays.quentin@hq.navy.mil.

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Your attention to and support for this effort is greatly appreciated.


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